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LETTER DATED 13 NOVEMBER 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I regret to inform you of the recent massacres of the civilian population in the towns of Samba, in Maniema Province, and Aketi, in Orientale Province.

This slaughter was perpetrated during the past week during the advance of the Rwandan-Ugandan coalition troops in these localities.

In the commercial centre of Samba, Rwandan troops killed 1,309 civilians, including women and children, in cold blood.

In Aketi, Ugandan forces murdered peaceful peasants working in their fields.

Moreover, the announcement by the Rwandan-Ugandan coalition of a unified command headed by Brigadier General James Kazini, the Ugandan Chief of Staff, and consisting of 17 senior Ugandan officers, 10 Rwandan officers and only 5 Congolese officers, is further evidence of the determination of the armed forces of the Rwandan-Ugandan coalition to pursue their diabolical work of destroying the Congolese nation.

In view of the foregoing, my Government requests the Security Council to condemn by name those countries whose armed forces are perpetrating blatant violations of human rights and international humanitarian law against the Congolese civilian population. It reiterates its request that all those aggressors who are found to have participated in the massacres, atrocities and violations of humanitarian law in Congolese territory should be brought to justice.

I request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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